

**City of Franklin Common Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Andrew Eggers, Keith Fox and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Jayne Rhoades, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present.

Councilor Wertz offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements & Presentations

Swearing in of Probationary Police Officer Zach Russell- Police Chief Tim O’Sullivan introduced Officer Russell. Mayor McGuinness swore in Officer Russell, and welcomed him to the Franklin Police Department. Fire Chief Dan McElyea introduced new firefighter Preston Stark, and Mayor McGuinness swore in firefighter Stark, and welcomed him to the Franklin City Fire Department.

Consent Agenda

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the October 3, 2016 Common Council Minutes

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. Councilor Wertz abstained since he was not present at the previous meeting. The motion carried.

Old Business

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

Common Council Ordinance No.: 16-11 An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Franklin Authorizing the Investment of Public Funds Pursuant to IC 5-13-9-5.7 – Mayor McGuinness read the title, and stated that this was presented at the previous meeting. The Mayor opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye.

The motion carried.

Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 16-16 Authorizing an Additional Appropriation to Appropriate Funds from an Insurance Refund Check – Mayor

McGuinness stated this was presented at the previous meeting. Mayor McGuinness read the title, and opened the floor for public hearing, no one asked to speak. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

New Business

Councilor Barnett made a motion to read all new business by title only, seconded by Councilor Eggers. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Request to Read Submitted Bids for SCBA Equipment Grant - Fire Chief Dan McElyea came forward and thanked firefighter Jason Powell for his work in securing this grant. Chief McElyea stated that only one bid had been received which was from 5 Alarm Fire Safety in the amount of \$237,175.00. Chief McElyea stated that there would be a 10% match due from the city. Mayor McGuinness stated that we will probably be asking for an additional appropriation for our 10% match portion. A discussion was held.

Common Council Budgetary Resolution No.: 16-08 A Budgetary Resolution Authorizing a Transfer from Police 300 Services to Police 200 Supplies in the amount of \$20,000.00 -

Police Chief Tim O'Sullivan stated they would like to transfer \$20,000.00 from services to supplies for the remainder of the year. A discussion was held. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 16-15 Establishing an Economic Revitalization Area

Urban Air - Community Development Director Krista Linke came forward, and was joined by Tim Conrad representing Urban Air regarding the Marsh property on North Main Street. Ms. Linke stated they are looking for a vacant building deduction, which has been used by other companies in the past. Ms. Linke stated the Economic Development Commission (EDC) recommended a three year vacant building abatement, and the first step is to declare this an economic development target area. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve declaring this an economic development target area, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 16-19 Granting a Personal Property Tax Abatement for

NSK - Community Development Director Krista Linke stated this request is for a personal property tax abatement for NSK Corporation. The Economic Development Commission (EDC)

recommended a seven year abatement with a recommendation of a 5% economic development fee. Kyle Stiens plant manager from NSK came forward, and stated this abatement is a 6.5 million dollar project for redesigning two manufacturing lines, and retaining twelve jobs, plus adding one new engineering position. Mr. Stiens stated that NSK currently employees 260 people. A discussion was held. Councilor Eggers made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Common Council Resolution No.: 16-17 Confirming & Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property – Mayor McGuinness stated that he was been working with the Johnson County Library regarding a strip of ground on E. Wayne Street, that will be needed for a public parking lot in this area. The Mayor stated this property was appraised at \$7,000.00. A discussion was held. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Fox. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business presented.

Council Comments

Councilor Wertz stated there was a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Wertz also asked about next year's meetings in January due to New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day. A discussion was held.

Councilor Austin asked for an update on old city hall and relocating City Court. Mayor McGuinness stated that old city hall will be on the RDC agenda tomorrow, and that he has had ongoing communications with Judge VanValer, and they have been looking at locations for City Court.

Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer
Enrolled: 10/20/2016

Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

Attest:

Jayne Rhoades, Clerk-Treasurer